U.K. cooperation to India in match-fixing investigation

2883. SHRI RUMANDL A RAM ACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigations into match-fixing allegations against the former South African Cricket, Captain, the British Judicial Cooperation Unit has delivered a letter to the Government of India confirming their country's assistance in providing all information about the key accused of match-fixing;

(b) if so, to what extent the UK Government's assistance has helped to settle the match-fixing case;

(c) by when final decision and inquiry in this regard is likely to be completed;

(d) whether Government have received the complete report; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disappointing performance of Indian players

† 2884. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that performance of our players in the international sports events remains generally disappointing;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take effective steps for promoting sports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTT): (a) to (c) For improving India's performance in the international sports events, the following measures are being taken:—

(i) As per the Government Policy and Olympic Charter, the National Sports Federations, recognized by the Government are primarily responsible for the promotion of their disciplines. The National Sports Federations have formulated Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) covering various aspects in consultation, *inter-alia,* with the Sports Authority of India. The National Sports Federations are being assisted in arranging coaching camps for sports persons included in the National Teams, with the help of Indian and Foreign Coaches, provision of requisite equipment and scientific support through the Sports Authority of India.

(ii) The Federations are also assisted in holding National level championships and in sending sports persons for participation in International Sports Events.

(m) Promising sports persons are being provided a package of assistance (up to Rs. 5 Lakhs per year) for training and upgradation of their skills. Supporting personnel, such as coaches and sports scientists, are also being assisted to undergo specialized training.

(iv) Assistance is being provided for creation of sports infrastructure, including laying of Synethetic Surfaces.

(v) With a view to further motivate the sports persons, awards and incentives are provided; the scale of awards has been increased substantially.

(vi) Other Ministries are also being pursued for extending incentives to sports persons and to consider measures for the employment of ports persons.

Asian Volleybrfl Tournament in Islamabad

2885. SHRI VUAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: